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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Roderic M. K. Dale ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
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Application No.: 09/669,033 ) Examiner: Young J. Kim  
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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING )  
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 mailed December 16, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any further extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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